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For: LIGHT SHIELDING BLADE )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: